

GEORGE S. WALTON.

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MR. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 7841.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7841) granting an increase of pension to George S. Walton, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives hereto, appended, is adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended.

HOUSE REPORT.

The claimant was a sergeant in Company N, Second Missouri Mounted Volunteers, Mexican war, and he is now a pensioner at \$12 per month under the acts of January 29, 1887, and January 5, 1893. He swears that at the battle of Pueblo de Taos he was struck in the breast by an arrow, which he pulled out, cut the spike off, and placed it in his cartridge box. This wound, though slight, would not heal, the arrow being copper spiked and poisonous. Subsequently, during his service, his horse fell with him, the horn of the saddle striking him in the breast, breaking two ribs and causing a rising on his lungs, which burst in October, 1847. He further swears that he has had a cough ever since, and that in November, 1874, a cancer made its appearance on his breast, and his body has been infested with carbuncles and cancers ever since.

His present condition he declares to be as follows: His nose is entirely gone, his left eye paralyzed and useless, his left ear nearly gone, externally and internally, and the left side of his face paralyzed; his jaw is locked so that he has to place his victuals in one side of his mouth with his finger, and his right shoulder is withered and perished away.

The claimant's statement of his present serious condition is fully substantiated by medical and other evidence on file, and it is further shown that he and his aged wife are entirely dependent upon his pension for support.

He filed a claim under the general pension laws based upon the above disabilities, but after furnishing some testimony in support thereof the claim was rejected on the ground that subsequent to his Mexican service he enlisted in the Confederate army. This, however, is not a bar to the service pension now drawn by him.

In the light of the deplorable physical condition of the applicant, and in view of his long and meritorious service at the front during the Mexican war, your committee recommend the passage of the bill.

